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FOR: STREAM DATA GENERATION METHOD AND PARTIAL ERASE  
PROCESSING METHOD

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the  
application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please add new claims 31-36 as shown below.

31. (New) An information medium containing data structures for recording bitstream  
information, comprising:

a data structure stored on said information medium including,

a stream object, formed of the bitstream information, containing first data units,  
second data units containing said first data units, and at least one third data unit containing  
said second data units, wherein,

a last one of said second data units in the at least one third data unit is configured to  
include a padding area.

32. (New) A method for reading out bitstream information recorded on an